



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe Stecher, Omaha Police Chief Eric Buske, and Mickey Leadingham, Omaha's Resident Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release: For having been a Felon in Possession of a Firearm on July 26, 2008, Merrell Nathaniel Devers was sentenced by the Honorable Hon. Laurie Smith Camp, United States District Judge, to serve 18 months in prison, which will be followed by a 3 year term of Supervised Release, and to pay a \$100 Special Assessment.

On July 28, 2008, Omaha Police stopped a vehicle driven by Devers for improper plates. He had a suspended driver's license and a warrant out of Lancaster County. When the vehicle was searched, a loaded .380 caliber pistol was found under the passenger seat. Devers was convicted in 2006 of Possessing a Stolen Firearm.

Name of Defendant: Merrell Nathaniel Devers

AKA: n/a

Age: 21

City of Residence: Omaha

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Felon in Possession of a Firearm carries not more than 10 years in prison, not more than a \$250,000 fine, not more than 3 yrs term of Supervised Release, and a \$100 Special Assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: 24th and Ohio, Omaha

Location of Arrest: 24th and Ohio, Omaha

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: n/a

Others Charged in Same Scheme: n/a

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: July 28, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: December 11, 2008

Date Complaint Issued: n/a

Indictment Returned Date: September 16, 2008

Initial Appearance Date: December 11, 2008

Plea Date(s): February 6, 2009

Sentencing Date: April 27, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: n/a

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Hon. F.A. Gossett

Released from Custody: August 18, 2008 until December 11, 2008

Held without Bond: Since December 11, 2008

Assigned District Court Judge: Hon. Laurie Smith Camp

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